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The following information was provided Legat, Buenos Aires, by an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (AAIS). (S)

Argentine President Maria Estela Martinez De Peron has been in Cordoba during past two weeks for rest and recuperation, with executive power turned over to Italo Luder, Provisional President of the Argentine Senate. The Peronist movement in Argentina has fragmented with one faction supporting continued Presidency of Mrs. Peron, while other faction advocates she leave office. (S)

Several AAIS sources have reported the Montoneros guerrilla organization anticipate Peronists favoring continuation in office of Mrs. Peron will organize large public demonstration in the Federal Capital to be presided over by Mrs. Peron 10/17/75. Should a large rally presided over by President Peron be scheduled for 10/17, Montoneros intend to initiate acts of violence throughout the Federal Capital to disrupt the demonstration and discredit the Government. (S)

The above information was coordinated locally by Legat and furnished by teletype to the following: U. S. Secret Service; State; CIA; INS; Deputy Attorney General, Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit; Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attn: Internal Security Section.

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Legat noted that Deputy Associate Director Adams and Section Chief Kolombatovic, together with Legats Brasilia, Caracas and Mexico City will be in Buenos Aires attending 44th General Assembly of Interpol scheduled to terminate 10/15; however, above intelligence is not believed to represent security threat since Legat presumes they will have departed Argentina prior to 10/17/75.

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ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1975, AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S)

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON HAS BEEN IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS FOR THE PURPOSES OF REST AND RECUPERATION. PRESIDENT PERON TURNED OVER THE EXECUTIVE POWER TO ITALO LUDER THE PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE SENATE WHO IS CURRENTLY ACTING AS ARGENTINA'S PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT. DURING HIS TENURE IN OFFICE LUDER HAS CARRIED OUT SEVERAL IMPORTANT CABINET CHANGES, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, COLONEL VICENTE DAMASCO WHO HAD BEEN A CLOSE ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT PERON. GENERALLY THE PERONIST MOVEMENT IN ARGENTINA HAS FRAGMENTED, WITH ONE FACTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED PRESIDENCY OF MRS. PERON WHILE OTHERS

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ADVOCATE THAT SHE LEAVE OFFICE SO THAT ANOTHER MORE EFFECTIVE PRESIDENT CAN BE SELECTED ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE ARGENTINE CONSTITUTION.

SEVERAL AAIS SOURCES OPERATING WITHIN THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION HAVE REPORTED THAT THE MONTONEROS ANTICIPATE THAT PERONISTS FAVORING THE CONTINUATION IN OFFICE OF MRS. PERON WILL ORGANIZE A LARGE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION AT THE PLAZA DE MAYO IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TO BE PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT PERON ON OCTOBER 17, 1975 FOR THE DUAL PURPOSE OF COMMEMORATING THIS DATE WHICH IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASCENSION TO POWER BY DECEASED ARGENTINE PRESIDENT JUAN DOMINGO PERON AND TO MARK THE EFFECTIVE RETURN OF MRS. PERON AS ARGENTINE PRESIDENT FROM HER PERIOD OF REST AND RECUPERATION IN CORDOBA. THE MONTONEROS BELIEVE THAT THE BACKERS OF MRS. PERON PLAN TO BRING A LARGE NUMBER OF WORKERS AND PERONIST SUPPORTERS TO THE PLAZA DE MAYO IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE A SHOW OF STRENGTH FOR MRS. PERON AND TO DISCOURAGE THOSE IN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT WHO FAVOR HER RETIRING FROM THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENCY.

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THE AFOREMENTIONED AAIS SOURCES REPORTED THAT, SHOULD A LARGE SCALE RALLY PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT PERON BE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17, 1975, IN THE PLAZA DE MAYO, THE MONTONEROS INTEND TO INITIATE ACTS OF VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL AND IN THE PLAZA DE MAYO TO DISRUPT THE DEMONSTRATION AND DISCREDIT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. (S)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, AAIS.] (S)

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WITH REGARD TO THE FOREGOING INTELLIGENCE, IT IS NOTED THAT THE PLAZA DE MAYO IS LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN FEDERAL CAPITAL IN FRONT OF THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE CASA ROSADA (PINK HOUSE). IT IS NOTED THAT DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR ADAMS AND SECTION CHIEF KOLOMBATOVIC, TOGETHER WITH LEGATS BRASILIA, CARACAS AND MEXICO CITY WILL BE IN BUENOS AIRES ATTENDING THE 44TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF INTERPOL, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE ON OCTOBER 15, 1975. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT THE FOREGOING INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTS ANY SECURITY THREAT TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED FBI OFFICIALS AND LEGAL ATTACHES SINCE IT IS PRESUMED THAT THEY WILL HAVE DEPARTED ARGENTINA PRIOR TO OCTOBER 17, 1975.

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